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WHAT CAUSES THE TROUBLE.

Natives Involved in Debt by Being Given Credit, Their Cattle Are Then Seized for Pay.

HEREROS THREATEN WINDHOEK.

Fire Settlers and Their Entire Families Already Have Been Murdered.

Berlin, Jan. 25 .-- An official dispatch from Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, says the Germans have lost hearly in an unsuccessful attempt to relieve Okahandja, that five settlers and their entire familles have been murdered and that the Hereros have been threatening Windhoek,

Light has been thrown by the Frankfurier Zeitung on some of the contributory causes of the Hereros' rising in German Southwest Africa as the resuit of statements made to that paper by a traveler who has just returned from Windhoek and Okahandja. The merchants and the traders allied with them are charged with purposely invoiving the natives in debt. According to this traveler the traders are mostly discharged soldiers whom the merchants equip with wagons and from 16 to 20 exen and goods valued at thouands of marks. The traders sell at first entirely on credit, not requiring any cash until they make later trips. The improvident native, buy largely and repeatedly on these easy terms and the merchants favor the system by extending and renewing the credits of the traders, sometimes to 15,000 marks. traders finally begin collecting portions of the debt, taking cattle in paymet and at the same time selling more ros on credit. The natives are often whited to several traders at the same time. The Frankfurter Zeitung's infermant adds that he found the merchants took an average of 70 per cent profit on the transactions of the tradersand the latter adds 100 per cent and usually makes 20 per cent more on the cattle which they take in payment. The traders further aroused the anger of the natives by seizing the latter's cattle arbitrarily without waiting for legal procedure. It is true that the author-

olice have difficulty in discovering the offending traders. A German patrol which engaged the natives near Hopefar, lost a reserve sioned officer and six men killed. The garrison of Windhoek numbers 110 men, part of the force being horsemen, with the two machine guns.

ties forbid this, but the natives usually

to not complain, merely nursing their

rievances and if they do complain the

DEATH OF LT. FLAKE. Shot Treacherously While the Moros Were Parleying.

Manila, Jan. 25.-It has just been Marned here that Lieut. Campbell W. Flake of the Twenty-second infantry was killed white trying to enter Moro Cotta, in Mindanao, for the purpose of examining the locality. He was accompanied by Private Foy of the same regiment. Lieut. Flake was shot reacherously, the Moros firing on the party while Maj. Bullard was parleying with them. Moro Cotta was at once taken by assault, with no further loss to the expeditionary forces. The estimated loss among the Moros is 20 kill-

Germany's Iron Production.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Germany's pig fron production for 1903 was 10,085,634 tons, an increase of 1,682,973 tons, thus outstripping Great Britain for the first time in history. The coal production for Germany for 1903 was 116,664,376 tons, an increase of 9,215,764 tons.

Call on National Banks. Washington, Jan. 25 .- The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Jan. 22.

BLYDENBURG CASE.

Sheriff is Scouring Country for More Witness. Eldora, Ia., Jan. 25.—Sheriff Mitterer is scouring the country for new witnesses for the defense in the case of E. S. Blydenburg, on trial for the murder of his third wife. Mrs. Alice Harold, sister of the wife of the defendant, states that on the day of the funeral, while at the cemetery, she overhead Blydenburg tell sexion to be sure and stay near the grave until everything was all right and the grave until everything was all right and the grave completely filled up. Mrs. Harold also said that later, while riding home in same carriage with Blydenburg, he said to her:

"Jennie was the sickest woman I ever saw in my life."

Witness also stated that Blydenburg, when questioned about the cause of his wife's death, said she died from catarrh of the stomach and that she vomited poisen from her stomach before her death.

TREASURER COCCIN-USED THE BANK'S MONEY.

Arrested for Embezzling \$100,000 and He is Now Out on \$10,000

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 25 .-- John P. Goggin, treasurer of the Nashua Trust company, was arrested today, charged with embezzling from the bank between

\$80,000 and \$100,000. The Nashua Trust company did not open its doors today and the institution is in charge of the state bank commissions. sioners pending a further examination.

Goggin was held in \$10,000 bonds for the grand jury. He made no statement, but it was said that his downfall was not due to speculation, but to his having given assistance from time to time to a friend. Coggin is one of the most prominent bank officials in New Hampshire. He came here from the west about 10 years ago, and in a short time he was made treasurer of the Trust company. He is about 40 years of age and has a family.

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In banking circles here the opinion was held out today that the defalcation would not result in the permanent closing of the company. The company has a capital of \$150,000, and usually carries deposits running from \$600,000 to \$650,000 in the savings department. The bank also had a check deposit department, the deposits in which will swell the total carried by the bank to about \$1,000,000.

House Proceedings. Washington, Jan. 25 .- When the house convened today Mr. Adams (Pennsylvania), from the committee on expenditures in the state department, reported a privileged resolution requesting the secretary of state for information as to the number of horses, carriages and automobiles maintained at the expense of the government for the state depart-

Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska sought to amend the resolution so as to make it read "during the calendar year," saying that the omission of these words would leave a loop hole, but Mr. Adams de-manded the previous question and on this Mr. Hitchcock called for yeas and oes which were ordered.

An Old Man Murdered.

Riverside, Cal., Jan. 25 .- With a leather strap twisted and knotted around his neck and one side of his face and head beaten almost to a pulp, the body of Anthony R. Rockhill, 75 years of age, has been found at his home, where he lived alone. He was in comfortable circumstances financially, and it is believed that the murder was committted by some one in quest of money. The interior of the house and the condition of the old man's body indicated that a desperate struggle had taken place. The officers are without a clue to the

JAPAN MAY DECLARE WAR AT ANY TIME.

Berlin, Jan. 25 .- As the German government understands the present situation the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably. Russia recognizes this and accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's points to make the Tokio cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer ex-ists and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan, it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.

One Person Killed and a Number Injured.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25 .-- Illinois Central train No. 2 from New Orleans to Chicago was wrecked today near Gates, Tenn. Several people are reported killed. A train with doctors and nurses has been sent from Mem-

The scene of the reported wreck is 60 miles north of this city. Local of-ficials of the Illinois Central have no details of the wreck other than the report that one person was killed and several injured.

Maj. Dennis on Trial.

St. Louis, Jan. 25 .- Maj. Hugh C. Dennis, president of the Railto Grain & Securities company went on trial in Judge McDonald's division of the cir-cuit court today on the charge of grand larceny, preferred by Leslie Per-rin. The specific charge is that on Aug. 6, 1903, Dennis, under the pretense that he would invest the money in grain for Perrin, received from Perrin two express money orders aggregating \$71.80, and that, instead of making an invest-ment, he kept the money for his own

On motion of the state, the trial was continued for one day, as the principal witness had not arrived.

S. McKee & Co. Fails,

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—S. McKee & Company, the oldest window glass manufacturers in Pittsburg, filed a petition of bankruptcy in the United States district court this afternoon. The schedule of indebtedness shows liabilities of \$274,000 and assets of \$216,000. Daniel McKee, surviving member, places his individual liabilities at \$233,-

The indebtedness is mostly for money borrowed.

MACHEN TRIAL.

Government Has Practically Concluded its Side.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- The government had practically concluded its side of the case when the trial of August W. Machen and others, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, was resumed to-

Part of Parkersburg Submerged Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan.25.-The lower portion of Parkersburg, including the business part of the town, almost up to

business part of the town, almost up to Third street, is under water, while among the resident districts, riverside, Beechwood and the south side are pretty well inundated. All the public buildings available were occupied last night by persons from the flooded districts and several hundred persons were driven from their homes, while many are living in second stories of houses that are parly under water. Business houses and factories were flooded last night and many of them had forces of men at work all night to remove property. Railroad traffic is suspended.

MAJ. HOYT SHERMAN DEAD. He Was a Brother of Gen. Sher-

man And Sen. John Sherman. Des Moines, Jan. 26.—Maj. Hoyt Sherman, brother of Gen. W. T. Sherman and of Sen. John Sherman died at his home here tpday. He has been in poor health for several years.

SENATOR BURTON'S CASE.

He Will Waive His Rights and Accept Service.

Washington, Jan. 25.-Senator Burton of Kansas, against whom a federal grand jury on Saturday returned an indictment for accepting a bribe from the Rialto Grain company has indicated to his friends his intention of waiving all his rights as a United States senator and accepting service in the case at once. He left for St. Louis last evening expressing his determine last evening, expressing his determina-tion to force the matter to an immedi-

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1904. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

IS FROZEN OVER

All the Rivers and Creeks in Iowa Are Bank-full and Frozen Solid.

PIERCING COLD IN NORTHWEST.

Fifteen Below in Chicago-At Racine Coldest Weather in Thirty Years.

Keokuk, Iowa, Jan. 25 .- Both the Mississippi and the Des Moines rivers are closed, frozen almost solid. The thermometer is eight degrees and falling. All rivers and creeks are bank-full and frozen solid. Much danger is expected where the ice breaks in the spring. COLD IN NORTHWEST.

Chicago, Jan. 25 .- Piercing cold made the whole northwest suffer today. The thermometer reached 15 below zero in Chicago. The record here is 23 below and there is some expectation that a new low point will be touched before the cold spell is ended. One man, frozen stiff, was found by pedestrians on an outlying part of Thirty-second street. He had apparently struggled along until exhausted by the cold and had dropped unconscious and literally was frozen to death in his tracks in the snow. The unidentified corpse was taken to a morgue. There were countless instances of frozen hands and ears. Traffic was greatly hampered.

The bitter cold experienced today at 15 below is the most intense so far this winter in Chicago. Stretching to the northwest, the mercury shows a swiftly descending scale, the minimum in the United States being at Bismarck and Williston, North Dakota, where the official figures are at 34 below zero. The crest of the wave is, however, beyond the national boundary line, Minnedosa, N. W. T., reporting 38 below. There are no telegraph stations northward from Minnedosa.

BLIZZARD IN KANSAS.

WRECK ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 25.—This portion of Kansas is in the grasp of a flerce bilizzard which came sweeping down from the north Sunday night. The government weather bureau reported the temperature at 5 degrees below at 9 o'clock and constantly growing colder.

VERY COLD IN MISSOURI. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—North-western Missouri and northern and eastern Kansas are experiencing the coldest weather of the season today, with a still further fall in temperature predicted tonight. In the northwestern portion of Missouri the temperature at 8 o'cleck this morning averaged 10 de-grees below zero. Snow flurries are re-

orted from all this part of the south-ST. LOUIS IN A BLIZZARD.

St. Louis, Jan. 25 .- Street car and ailroad traffic is considerably delayed today because of a blizzard that has prevailed for several hours. While not the coldest day of the season, the ther-mometer stands at about four degrees

above zero, a few points higher than the lowest point reached this winter. The full effects of the storm were felt at the world's fair, where less than one-half of the 10,000 men employed on the construction work reported for duty today. These worked under great difficulty and with considerable suffering.

The work of the 400 abandoned.

has been temporarily abandoned.

17 BELOW AT OMAHA. Omaha, Jan. 25 .- Extreme cold continues throughout Nebraska and west-ern Iowa today, the minimum tempera-ture being 17 below, and the maximum for the past 24 hours seven below. The local weather bureau predicts a con-tinuation of the low temperature to-morrow with a moderation Wednesday. The bitterness of the cold is increased by a biting north wind.

EXTREME COLD IN RACINE. Racine, Wis., Jan. 25.—The weather here this morning is the coldest in 30 years, the thermometer standing at 26 below zero.

32 BELOW AT DULUTH. Duluth, Minn., Jan. 25.—The ther-mometer here this morning registered 32 below.

AT DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25.—The govern-ment thermometer registered 6 below for eight hours last night and the ob-server predicts that it will go lower to-night. Although there was of necessity suffering from the cold among the poor last night, no deaths have been report-

COLD CHECKS FLOODS. Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—The prevailing cold wave has effectually checked the destruction from floods throughout northern and central Ohio. It is four below bore today.

below here today. BLIZZARD AT WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25.—A severe blizzard, is raging in Winnipeg. There have been several deaths.

20 BELOW AT ST. PAUL. St. Paul. Minn., Jan. 25.—Thirty de-grees below zero was the official record today, although thermometers in vari-ous parts of the city registered from 2

POOR ARE SUFFERING.

Lacrosse, Wis., Jan. 25 .- The government thermometer here registered 27 below this morning while private ther-mometers registered from 32 to 36 be-low. There is much suffering among

PRICE OF GAS DECISION. Judge Grosscup Decides Against The City of Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Judge Grosscup, in the United States district court today decided against the city of Chicago in the 75-cent gas cases. He declared that the state did not delegate to the city the power to regulate the price of gas. The decision was the outcome of suits brought by D. O. Mills, as a stockholder in the Peoples' Gas, Light & Coke company, and Frank G. Jones, as stockholder in the Northwestern Coal & Coke company, asking for in-Coal & Coke company, asking for injunctions restraining the city from reducing the price of gas to 75 cents. Both injunctions were granted.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

Denied That Russia is Hostile to The United States.

Port Arthur, Jan. 25.—The highest officials here repudiate the published accusations of Russian hostility to the United States because of its Man-churian policy and the appointment of American consuls under the new treaty with China. It is officially asserted that no large

reinforcement of the eastern forces is expected at present. The military au-thorities, however, add that otherwise arrangements are making for a large supply of ponies from the province of Chi-Li for the Cossacks and mounted infantry.

The demoralization of the passenger and freight traffic on the Manchurian

railway continues in consequence of the military activity and there is a great blockade of freight at Port Dalny.

Hawaii Poesn't Want Chinese. Washington, Jan. 25 .- Delegate Kalanianole, of Hawaii, introduced bills in the house today prohibiting the em-ployment of Mongolians on public vorks in Hawaii and making eight hours a day's work in such employ-ments; also appropriating \$250,000 for a survey of the harbor of Honolulu; also appropriating \$100,000 for a survey of Hilo harbor and the construction of a breakwater at that place.

SARAH SCHAEFER MURDER. Jos. Heigher Arrested on Charge

Of Complicity. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 25,-Joseph Heitger, a prominent young man of Bed-ford, Ind., was arrested at that place today on the charge of complicity in the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer, the Latin teacher. He was brought to Jeffersonville penitentiary to avoid any possibility of mob violence.

JAPS IN MANILA.

In Event of War Advised to Trans. fer Business to Americans.

Manila, Jan. 25 .- The Japanese merchants in this city have received ad-vices from the home government that in case of the outbreak of hostilities they had better transfer their business over to the Americans.

Trial of the Mongolia.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 25.—The steam-ship Mongolia, built for the Pacific Mall Steamship company, left the yards of the New York Ship-Building company the New York Ship-Building company today for Newport News on her trial trip. The vessel, which is 616 feet in length, is the largest ship of her kind over built in this country. During her trial she will be commanded by Capt. Randle of the Ship-Building company. After the tests she will proceed to New York. The Mongolia is a sister ship of the Manchuria, recently launched. She will ply between San Francisco, Hawail, China and Japan. Among those on board when she left today were President McCoursey May, Vice President Charles D. Hale and Supt. L. D. Loven-tin, superintendent of the New York Ship-Building company, and Prof. Scheirwein, superintendent of the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

ANTI-SMOOT RESOLUTIONS. Washington Senators Asked to

Vote Against Utah Senator. Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 25 .- In every one of the twenty-two churches in this city resolutions were passed yesterday calling upon Senators Ankeney and Foster of this state to cast their vote in the senate against the seating of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah.

Requisition for Walters.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 25,-The governor's office today issued a requisition upon the governor of Minnesota for the return to San Francisco of James Walters, the bellboy wanted for the robbery of the Colonial hotel at San Francisco in which he secured much valuable jewelry and diamonds, about three weeks ago. Detective Sergeant J. J. Dinan is named as state officer for California. Walters is in custody at Minneapolis. Nearly al lthe proceeds of the robbery have been recovered by the police of that city.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Resolution Calling on President For More About Panama.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- In the senate today Mr. Culberson introduced the resolution drawn by a committee appointed at

tion drawn by a committee appointed at a recent Democratic conference, for the purpose of getting additional information concerning the Panama situation. The members of the committee were Senators Gorman, Culberson, Carmack and Cockrill. The resolution follows:
"Resolved, That the president be requested to inform the senate whether all the correspondence and notes between the department of state and the legation of the United States at Bogota and between either of these and the government of Colombia for the construction of an isthmian canal and all the correspondence and notes between the United States and any of its officials and representatives and the government of Panama concerning the separation of Panama from Colombia have been sent to the senate, and if not that he be requested to send the remaining correspondence and notes to the senate in executive session."

The resolution went over under the rules. Bills were passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Snake river, Idaho and authorizing the appointment of a naval officer and surveyor at the port of Chicago, at a salary of \$5,000 each.

Mr. Tillman called up his resolution asking the judiciary committee to report what constitutes a recess of the senate. Mr. Hale argued that the December nomination of Collector Crum was not a new question of the right to draw salary when that matter came before him. He said that the original nomination shows that the president has not committed himself to any con-structive recess between the extraordinary session and the present session of the senate. Mr. Mitchell interposed that the nominations sent in do not give the nominees (meaning Collector Crum, Gen. Wood and others), the right to hold office.

Mr. Tillman read a letter from the Mr. Tillman read a letter from the Secy, of the Treasury Shaw reciting the various appointments of Mr. Crum to the Charleston, S. C., collectorship and giving the version that the last appointment was made precisely at 12 o'clock noon, on the first Monday in December, when one session ended and mother began. Mr. Hale said that the matter was

not of special significance and that the question is not a new one and that Mr. Crum is still serving on his appointment.

Mr. Tillman said that Mr. Crum is

helding office just the same, and added, 'I notice too, that Mr. Leonard Wood is sending out dispatches from the Philippines signing himself major general and he is not a major general.' Continuing, he said, his resolution was under consideration and not the nomination of Crum or Wood,

HOW A BULLDOG LOOPED THE LOOP.

Took Grip on the Spoke of Wheel And Went Sailing Down The Street.

HE STOPPED BIG ICE WACON.

Maddened by Lashing From Driver's Whip the Animal Tried to Throw Vehicle Over His Ear.

An exhibition of canine tenacity, rare even in a bulldog, was witnessed on Second South street at an early hour this morning by an admiring throng of bystanders.

A big ice wagon lumbered around the corner of State street and somebody's bull pup, feeling in the pink of condition, darted briskly for the horses' heels. He met with the severest chastisement the driver's eight-foot iash could inflict, receiving the stinging blow atraight across the nose. With the true instinct of his race, the dog growled flercely and went on barking at the animals, while the driver quite as persistently lashed him with the rawhide. The dog took his punishment stoically. The greater the injury, the louder and more savagely he barked, but never did any sound similar to a yelp escape him. Finally, the driver after awaiting a particularly favorable opportunity, brought his whip down with terrific force and it caught the dog squarely, lengthwise across his body from the tip of his nose to the

end of his stubby tail.

This maddened the attacking force beyond further dallying. At one well measured bound, he buried his teeth in a spoke of the front wheel and there he stuck. The driver repeatedly pound-ed the dog over the head with the buit of his whip, but could not shake him off. Around and around went the wheel the driver whipped up his team. but the revolutions did not phase Mr. Dog. He clung to the spoke, his body being twisted all out of shape once in a while, but his teeth sticking like

grim death to the wood.

By this time, it had become a scientific exhibition of no little interest and the crowd followed the wagon around the corner of Main street to the Kenyon hotel. There the driver stopped. Instantly the buildog released his hold and proudly walked away, believing no doubt that he had stopped the wagonthat he had made his opponent quit. "Well, I'll be d-d," ejaculated the driver, as the crowd fell excitedly to discussing the sight. "I am glad the cuss didn't take hold of the horse's

The dog seized the spoke as the wagon was passing the Wilson, so it was for a full 125 yards that he displayed such wonderful grit. Whose dog it was, or where it came from, nobody

PHILATELIC CURIO.

Drummer at the Wilson Receives Unique Letter This Morning.

John Maclennan, a traveling salesman who headquarters at the Wilson, received a letter from his brother this morning, which has traveled practically around the world in endeavoring to get from Australia to St. Louis. It was mailed in Melbourne, Aus., on Aug. 25, addressed to Mr. Maclennan at a hotel in St. Louis. Instead of coming to St. Louis, the next postmark showed it at Point Degalle, Ceylon. It was next stamped in Mauritius, France. The officials in that city started it to St. Louis on Oct. 13. Four days later the letter was at Marseilles, and the week following, it passed through the Paris office. From here it actually got a start towards St. Louis and was received

Then somebody forwarded it to San Francisco, and there the hotel fired back to Salt Lake. Having starte Aug. 25, 1903, it reached its destination

exactly five months later.

Mr. Maclennan is very much puzzled over the strange mis-transit. The only reasonable theory is that it became mucilaged to a piece of French mail upon leaving Melbourne and went through to the continent in that way. Still its subsequent ramblings are not explained. The many postmarks give the envelope the appearance of an artist's well-daubed pallete. One of them is unexplainable. It is simply "Re-Mr. Maclennan thinks possibly this is the name of a ship and that the letter was transferred in mid-ocean at some period of the pyrotechnic tour,

GEO. M. SCOTT HERE.

Former Salt Laker Arrives From San Francisco on a Visit.

Ex-Mayor George M. Scott arrived in town Saturday evening, and will be here for a few days. He is now a citizen of San Francisco, and is well satisfied with his residence there. Mr. Scott notes the great increase of shipping due to the expanding trade with Alaska, Japan, China, the Philippines and the Sandwich Islands. This traffic feature has assumed remarkable proportions, and promises to become much larger yet. The city of San Francisco is growing very fast in other lines and the whole state is increasing rapidly in population, as there is a system of colonization obtaining in California that is proving very effective in bringing new residents into the state. says there is no further talk of dividing the state, and the entire commonwealth appears to be well unified.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

William Brown and Thomas Blackburn Arrested at Bingham Junction.

William Brown and Thomas Blackourn were arrested at Bingham Junetion on Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Ira Beckstead on the charge of burglarizing the saloon of a Mr. Tripp. The burglary occurred on Friday night and was reported to Deputy Beckstead standstill,

about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and by noon the two men were arrested and part of the stolen plunder was recov-There was a quantity of cigars and liquor taken and also some small change out of a slot machine. The two men had been drinking heavily and aroused the deputy's suspicions. He watched them closely and followed them to the spot where they had the

goods cached and then arrested them.

President Roosevelt Sends His Name to The Senate for the Second Time.

SMITH WOOLLEY WINS.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.-After considering all the evidence submitted to the secretary of the treasury and the subsequent papers filed with him, by Senator Heyburn, President Roosevelt has decided that Smith Woolley is competent and a fit man for the position of U. S. assayer at Boise.

President Roosevelt said this morning that he would send the name to the senate today but it did not appear in the first list of nominations. Subsequently, however, the president's secretary made a second visit to the Capitol. He brought with him only one name and that was N. Smith Woolley to be assayer at Boise.

Senator Heyburn will attempt to secure prompt confirmation. Senator Dubois has not yet announced his intention towards this nomination but some time ago declared to a "News" correspondent that he did not intend

CREMATION OF THE DEAD.

Dr. Bower Delivers Interesting Lecture On That Subject.

"And eventually the earth will be one great charnelhouse," declared Dr. A. Bower as the clinching argument that cremation of the dead should, and shall, in time, take the place of burial. The doctor delivered an interesting, forceful talk on this subject last evening at Unity hall. He pointed out the many reasons which go to make cremation preferable as a means of dis-posing of the dead, preferable from either the sentimental, the esthetic, the economical or the sanitary standpoint. The rapidly growing population of the world, he said, makes it imperative that the burial of the dead shall eventually

be abandoned. externally by flowers, the doctor point-ed out, but at the same time there is always that uncanny thouhgt of the decaying bodies of our loved ones, of the cold earth around the coffin and the darkness and gloom. But in cre-mation there is but the clean white ashes remaining, and no such gloomy associations.

Dr. Bower presented statistics to prove that in time the whole surface of the earth will be covered with tombstones unless cremation becomes more general. Taking up the sanitary side of the argument he said many epidemics of disease were traceable directly to cemeteries. Burial is a relic of bar-

barism, he declared, and civilization should abandon it at once. "Had I my way," said the speaker, "the cemeteries would be all made into public parks and the bodies they contain would be reduced to ashes. No more prolific source of disease germs exists in the world than these burial grounds of the dead.

Religious sentiment against crema tion is rapidly dying out," said Dr Bower. "It is becoming realized that we must disassociate the resurrection with physical conditions. To contend that cremation would interfere with the resurrection of the body is to deny the supreme power of the Deity. Would it not be as easy, at any rate, to resur-rect the ashes of the dead as the dust to which the bodies of all must return within a comparatively short time? Could we not at least, on this score, take our chances with those martyrs to the cause of religion who have been burned at the stake? Many of the world's most noted divines have expressed the opinion that cremation is not inconsistent with the teachings of

United Mine Workers. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 25 .- The United Mine Workers gave their time today discussing proposed amendments to the constitution regarding organization and to the report of the constitution committee, concurring in the recommen-dation of Secy.-Treasurer Wilson that the stamp system be adopted universally for the collection of per capita The convention decided to retain the

and a recess was taken.

present plan of collecting dues and not

adopt the stamp system. Minor changes in the constitution were considered

Baltimore Bankers Fail. Baltimore, Jan. 25 .- Receivers were appointed today for the banking and brokerage firm of E. N. Morrison & Company. The failure was not a sur-prise as the embarrassment of the firm had been known for several days. E. N. Morrison, the head of the firm, made statement today that the resources of the house had been wiped out by losses on cotton.

\$500,000 and \$600,000.

The liabilities are placed between

Bp. Tikhon Arrives. New York, Jan. 25 .- Bishop Tikhon, of the Russian orthodox church of North America, arrived today on the steamship Augusta Victoria from Ham-

EASTERN NEGOTIATIONS. Those Between Russia and Japan At a Standstill.

Paris, Jan. 25.-Considerable tension s observable in governmental quarters oncerning the Russo-Japanese situathat the efforts toward a pacific adjustment have not made the progress which the officials hoped and expected. The general view of those highest in authority is summed up in the statement that negotiations have now reached a point where practically no progress is occurring in any direction. Whether this means that Russia's latest which are likely to bring about a set-tlement, it is impossible to say, as the delicate stage of the negotiations prompts the officials to withhold precise details. The only statement is that the negotiations are virtually at a

MINERS ENTOMBED BY AN EXPLOSION

Hundred and Fifty Men are Shut Up in a Coal Mine Near Pittsburg.

NOT ONE HAS BEEN RESCUED.

Many or All May Have Been Killed Outright or Suffocated By Gas.

RESCUERS TRYING TO SAVE THEM.

Hundreds of Wives and Children Around the Mouth of the Shaft -The Worst is Feared.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25,-Between 125 and 150 men were entombed today by an explosion in the shaft of the Harwick Coal company near Cheswick. None of them had been rescued at noon, and it is believed that many of them were either killed outright by the explosion or have been suffocated by the gas. Several hundred men are at work trying to liberate the men imprisoned inside. About 200 men are employed at the mine, 150 working inside and the remainder on the tipple. The men on the tipple were badly burned by the explo-With a loud report and an upheaval like an earthquake the wood work of the tipple was destroyed. The walls of the shaft were filled with de-

bris, rocks and earth, completely shut-ting off all means of escape for those in Whether the explosion occurred at the far extremity of the mine and killed the men by the concussion, or whether it occurred nearer the shaft and imprisoned the men is not known. There have been no means as yet of finding the exact nature of the disaster and the number of men killed. If the mine en-trance cannot be cleaned out so that he men can get fresh air, all will have perished in the course of a few hours.
With the knowledge that scores of lives depended on the prompt action of laborers at the mouth of the mine an excited gang of men was working with might and main. Help was summoned from all sources available and as many men are assisting in the work of rescue

Half a dozen men working near the mouth of the pit on the tipple were caught in the wreckage and a number seriously injured. One man, it is thought, cannot recover. The other men employed on the tipple were work-

ing further away from the shaft and escaped uninjured Supt. George Sheets, as soon as he heard of the accident, telephoned to Cheswick and Springdale for assistance. Gangs of workmen were sent in re-sponse and physicians have rushed to the scene to take care of the injured. The mine is about a mile from Cheswick and was opened about two years age. The company is allied with the Allegheny Coal company, and it is said was operated by Cleveland capitalists. The mine, it is stated, has always been a gaseous one, but there has never been any serious trouble there before today. Supt. Sheets telephoned to J. R. Mor-ris, manager of the Pittsburg Tool &

Drop Forge company at Cheswick for assistance. The works there were closed and the entire force of men, numbering 75, were sent to the scene.
Supt. Sheets stated that he feared the worst, but there was a possibility that some of the miners might have sought refuge in one of the mine cham-bers away from the fire and in this way escaped death. The scene about the mouth of the pit was indeed pitiful. Hundreds of wives and children sur-rounded the mouths of the shafts crazed with grief and anxiously awaiting any

news from the entombed men. As quickly as possible a rescuing par-ty was organized but no one has as yet been able to descend into the mine. Three of the injured were brought to this city, one, Henry Mayhew, dying upon arrival. The two others, George Waltman and F. N. Gillespie, were removed to the Allegheny hospital. Walt-

Up to 1:30 o'clock this afternoon no

one had entered the mine and nothing is known of the condition of the entombed Before the miners went to work this morning, Fire Boss Gordon went into the mine and made his usual inspection. He reported that everything was all right. One hundred and fifty safety lamps were taken out this morning, go it is known that there are that number of miners in the mine. The fire bosses and mine foremen are also in the mine, Gordon having returned into

the mine after the men had begun In the tipple at the mouth of the shaft were the weighmaster and three assistants. Several cars of coal had been brought out and work was proceeding as usual when the signal was given from the bottom of the shaft that another car was ready. The cage with a mule on board was sent down. Just as the cage reached the bottom of the shaft there was a terrible explosion and the cage was blown out of the shaft and through the top of the roof of the tipple, wrecking the weighmaster's office and damaging other portions of the structure. The mule was blown 200 feet from the tipple. The cage re-mained in the wrecked tipple. All the men on the tipple were more or less

for Mine Inspector Cunningham was notified of the disaster and preparations were made to go to the relief of the imprisoned miners. The air shaft also had been damaged by the explosion and t was two hours before air could be pumped into the mine. This afternoon Supt. Sheets said that

After the injured men had been cared

he believed the explosion was caused by fire damp. Mr. Sheets said that the work of rescuing would begin as soon as the mine inspector arrived. charred condition of the dead mule and the force of the explosion, however, led the mine officials to fear for the It is thought that the force of the ex-

plosion was so great that every man in the limited space under ground must have been instantly killed by the con-cussion and it is likely that the inter-ior of the mine is badly wrecked and aved. Any of the men who might possibly have escaped the shock of the ex-plosion have probably been suffocated by the after-damp and mining men think it is hardly likely that any would a new one, and the entries and headings being driven only a short distance, reduces the chances of the men for es-